

ASHAWAY FIRE DISTRICT

JANUARY 20, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Ashaway Fire District was called to order by Commission Chairman, John Donahue, on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Ashaway Fire Station.

Present: Commissioners John Donahue, Robert Greene, Michael Williams, Clerk Linda Holman, Treasurer Joyce Smith and Tax Collector George Mayhew.

A motion was made by Bob Greene seconded by Mike Williams to move BPF Realty, LLC to first on the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

Nick Griseto, owner of BPF Realty, LLC, wanted to secure a one year contract with the Ashaway Fire District for fire protection. He would make payment up front. BPF Realty is not in any fire district at the present time. Bradford voted not to except them into their district and BPF is disputing bills that Dunn's Corner's is charging them for false alarms. According to the Westerly Sun, Dunn's Corner's will accept them.

There was a lengthy discussion on what the advantages would be for

Ashaway to sign a contract with BPF. Nick Griseto said that he has done some updates. They don't have the false alarm problems anymore and the state fire marshall said there are no issues with the building. Mike Williams disagreed with that because he had talked to the fire marshall. No one from the District saw any advantage or incentive to accept BPF into the District or to sign a one year contract. To accept them into the District, the taxpayers would have to vote and it may have to be a charter change and go to the legislature.

A motion was made by Mike Williams seconded by Bob Greene to set up a meeting with BPF Realty, Commissioners from Ashaway, Bradford, Dunn's Corner's Fire Districts, the Westerly Town Manager and possible Senator Dennis Algieri and a reporter from the Westerly Sun. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chief Sposato will talk to the Town Manager, Michelle Buck, about the meeting.

Mike Williams made a motion seconded by Bob Greene to move on to new business. All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

A pump casing cracked on 414. The cost of repair will be \$40,000.00. The Fireman's Insurance will pay the majority of the bill and the

District will be responsible for \$4000.00 - \$5000.00. Joyce will look to see if there are any restrictions to taking that money out of the contingency fund.

The Chief's car has been ordered. The bill is being faxed to the treasurer. Should get the car by the end of the month, but it will be a while before it is in use.

Reports

Mike Williams made a motion seconded by Bob Greene to dispense with the reading of the reports. All in favor. Motion passed.

Bills

Mike Williams made a motion seconded by Bob Greene to pay the bills as of January 20, 2015. All in favor. Motion passed.

There were no fire marshall bills.

Brian Steverman had a letter about amending Section 14 for LOSAP.

Mike Williams made a motion seconded by Bob Greene to have all prior years of service be automatically restored. All in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

They're will be an additional charge to paint the rims on the bucket truck.

There is someone interested in buying the old truck. It will be put on Craig's List.

Reverted back to New Business

Ken Block sent out a questionnaire to all Fire Districts. Ours went to the Department. Bob Greene would like to read it. Chief Stanley met with Ken or his representative and Bob could get more information from him.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

Kathy Schmidt is very sick. She's home from the hospital now.

Mike Williams made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.

Linda M. Holman

Clerk